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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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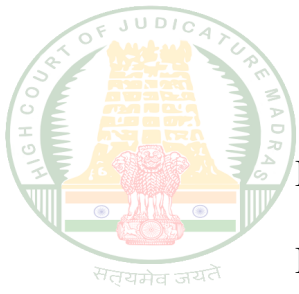
S.Ganesan
Son of Late Sarangapani Naidu
No.16/A/25, New No.76
Reiladi street,
Attur Post and Taluk
Salem district

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Board
Nungambakkam, Chennai
2. The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Board
Nungambakkam, Chennai
3. The Executive Officer
Arulmighu Vellaipillayar Thirukoil
Athur,
Salem
4. Govindaraj
Son of Late Sarangapani Naidu
No.16/A/25, New No.76
Reiladi street,
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..Respondent(s)



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For Petitioner(s):

Ms.R.Poornima

For Respondent(s):

Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan,
SGP (HR & CE) for R1 to R3

Mr.R.Nanda Kumar for proposed fifth respondent

ORDER

Heard the learned counsels appearing on either side.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that earlier the temple property was leased to the petitioner's father and he was running a hotel in the subject property and after his demise, it was leased to the petitioner's brother, however there was a dispute between the petitioner and his brother and a suit was filed in this regard, which ended in favour of the petitioner herein. He further submitted that due to non payment of lease dues of the subject property, the said property was auctioned by the temple authority in which the private respondent was declared as a successful bidder in the tender. She submitted that the third respondent has made the publication in Dina Suriyan daily on 07.02.2026 which is not having a wide circulation due to which, the petitioner is not aware of the tender publication of the third respondent dated 06.02.2026. The learned counsel contended that the petitioner in order to show his bona-fide, has assured to pay the outstanding dues to the tune of Rs.53,71,595/- to the temple authorities. She also prayed this Court to issue a direction to the official



respondents to allow the petitioner to participate in the auction and to conduct the auction in a fair and proper manner.

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3. The learned Special Government Pleader submitted that if the petitioner deposits the outstanding dues of Rs.53,71,595/-, the petitioner may be permitted to participate in the auction proceedings as per the direction of this Court and undertakes to conduct the auction in a proper manner.

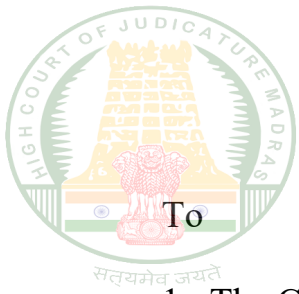
4. The learned counsel for the private respondent/proposed respondent sought permission to file the counter affidavit.

5. Considering the submissions made on either side, this Court directs the petitioner to pay the outstanding dues of Rs.53,71,595/- by way of demand draft in favour of the third respondent and on receipt of the said amount, the third respondent shall deposit the same in an interest bearing account in any one of the nationalised bank.

6. Registry is directed to list the matter on 02.06.2026. Till then, the respondents are directed to maintain the status-quo as on date.

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